

TOWNSEND CLUB NO. 2 NOTES: FOUNDERS' DAY

Founders' day anniversary will be celebrated at 8 o'clock this evening at Men's Bible Class bldg.

Dancing to the strains of Fidler Jack Rich's music and entertainment will be enjoyed. Hot chicken sandwiches will be served. The public is welcome. Members will attend a brief business session at 7 p.m.

SOCIETY and Club

WEDDING VOWS ARE EXCHANGED

In a simple ceremony performed Monday, Sept. 20 at Stockton, Miss Louise M. Curry became the bride of Sgt. Harry M. Lawver, son of Miss Ruth Lawver of 2212 Gramercy ave.

The bride was beautifully attired in a navy afternoon dress with matching accessories and wore a corsage bouquet. Her attendant was the bridegroom's mother who accompanied Miss Curry north for the ceremony.

Following a honeymoon in San Francisco, Sgt. Lawver left for active service. His bride, a daughter of Mrs. M. M. Savage of 1712 Andree ave., will return to her duties at National Supply Co. following a short visit with relatives in Idaho.

CIRCLE MEETING HELD MONDAY

Circle No. 2 of the First Christian church met Monday at the home of Mrs. L. D. Babcock, 1314 Portola ave. Mrs. H. M. Haynes presided at the short business meeting and Mrs. W. W. Jewell led in prayer. Devotional services were led by Mrs. Floyd R. Miller.

Following the business session games were enjoyed under the direction of Mrs. W. F. Burgen and refreshments were served.

The next circle meeting will be held Oct. 25 at the home of Mrs. H. M. Haynes, 1340 Engracia ave.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for tonight's Catholic Ladies card party are Miss Rosa Orman and her committee, Mmes. Finlayson, Stapelfeld, Derouin, Shamer, Schroeder, Chaky, Newton, Metzler, Vanderah and Miss Katie Orman. Everyone is cordially invited. Tables of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will be played. The first special prize will be given away promptly at 8 o'clock and card play will follow immediately. Refreshments will be served.

CLUB PARTY IS ENJOYED

The home of Mrs. W. I. Laughon on El Prado was a setting for an enjoyable party when she entertained bridge club members at luncheon last Thursday afternoon. Contract prize winners were Mmes. W. J. Neelands and A. H. Silligo.

Fordice-Kimball Wedding Saturday

At a ceremony performed Saturday afternoon at South Gate, Lieut. Robert L. Fordice took as his bride, Miss Lillian May Kimball of Lompoc.

Rev. C. P. Bennett, pastor of Community Presbyterian church, officiated in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the couple.

The bride, attired in dusty blue with navy accessories and wearing a corsage bouquet of gladiolus and rosebuds, was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Kimball of San Francisco, who wore powder blue with brown accessories and red rosebuds. Glenn Robinson of this city, a brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as his attendant.

A reception followed at the Gardena home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sana (Lillian Fordice), and following a brief honeymoon Lieut. and Mrs. Fordice left for his station at El Toro Marine base, where he is a dive bomber pilot.

The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Margaret Fordice of 1306 Sartori ave., while his bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball of Lompoc.

THRIFT PROGRAM IS INAUGURATED

Off to a flying start is the "Schools at War" thrift program at Fern Avenue school. Pupils purchased \$245 worth of stamps and bonds the opening day. Many students made purchases during the summer. Vela and Leopoldo Alvarez each purchased a bond with dimes. The largest bond sale during the day was for \$100.

Mrs. Sam Neely is the P.T.A. chairman of the War Thrift committee. Members assist her in sponsoring bond and stamp sales at the school each Monday and Thursday morning.

MRS. MELVILLE IS SHOWER HONOREE

Mrs. John Melville was honored at a party last Tuesday evening when Mrs. F. A. Covington entertained. Guests were Mrs. Hugh Delaney of Los Angeles. A stork motif was suggested by the pink and blue color scheme, bottle favors and floral centerpiece arranged in a white petery baby buggy. A handsome personal gift was presented to Mrs. Melville.

SON IS BORN TO MONTAGUES

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montague of Calexico are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son born Sept. 28. Montague is the former Vivian Knudson of Lomita.



LYNN WILLIAMS... aviation machinist, U.S.N., and his bride, the former Marilyn Strautman, who were wed recently at a Long Beach chapel.

EVENING SHOWER FOR MRS. WILLIAMS

Mrs. E. L. Williams, the former Marilyn Strautman, was complimented at a bridal shower given recently at the home of Miss Edna Sopchinsky at 1617 Arlington ave. Following the presentation of many lovely gifts, games pertaining to the shower were enjoyed and refreshments following the bridal motif were served.

Co-hostesses for the attractively appointed party were the Misses Agnes Sopchinsky and Evelyn Delight. Guests were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Lillian Strautman and Mmes. Bernice Savant, Marion Welton, Bird, Anna Rogers, Helen Hendrickson; Misses Helen Jones, Gertrude Priest, Helen Bay, Judy Strautman, Edna and Helen Sopchinsky.

NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Torrance Chapter, No. 44, Women of the Moose, will sponsor a noon luncheon and card party at their hall, 1951 Carson st., Wednesday, Oct. 6. Tables of bridge, pinocle, and 500 will be in play. A business meeting will precede the party.

Representing the chapter at Long Beach recently were Anna Wilken, senior regent; Lela Heglin, junior regent; and Bertha Stevenson, recorder. The occasion was the installation of Besie Lovitt of the Long Beach chapter, as grand dean.

MARINE AUXILIARY CHARTER TO CLOSE

The Corporal Leslie Hood Unit, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, recently organized, will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at V. F. W. hall, 104 Wall st., Redondo Beach. The charter will close at that date.

Mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, over 16, of men who have been honorably discharged and who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps, are eligible to join.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLANS ANNUAL TEA

The Loyal Bible class of First Christian church will sponsor a tea, bazaar and rummage sale at the church parlors Thursday afternoon Oct. 14. Members of Circle No. 1 will have complete charge of the rummage sale, it was reported. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this annual event.

NAVY MOTHERS TO HAVE CARD PARTY

Little Hills Navy Mothers Club No. 157 will hold a benefit card party at 8 p.m., tomorrow evening, Friday, Oct. 2, at V.F.W. hall, Lomita. A 1:30 p.m. business meeting at the hall will precede the evening party.

Woman's Club Will Present Noted Speaker

Next Wednesday afternoon will be a gala occasion for Torrance Woman's Club members and their friends who will gather at their clubhouse for the first meeting of the 1943-44 season.

Mrs. George Morgan will preside at her first meeting as club president and will present Mrs. R. R. Smith, program chairman.

Mrs. Louise Tracy, director of John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles, and wife of Spencer Tracy, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Tracy brings a message of special appeal and a large attendance is anticipated. A cordial invitation is extended to all women of the community.

At the conclusion of the program, tea will be served.

AUTUMN SETTING FOR BRIDGE PARTY

The home of Mrs. John Keefer on Torrance Blvd., was the setting for an enjoyable bridge luncheon last Thursday afternoon. Arrangements of colorful dahlias suggested an autumn motif. Covers were placed for eight guests and at contract Mrs. L. M. Fernley was prize winner.

REPORT FERN AVENUE BOARD MEETING

The executive board of Fern Avenue P.T.A. met Tuesday, Sept. 22 to discuss plans for the year. At this meeting Mrs. Mildred Johnson was appointed war chest chairman, and Mrs. J. R. Vandegrift, child welfare chairman by Mrs. Jack Long, president of the group.

FERN AVENUE P.T.A. ENTERS BOND DRIVE

Fern Avenue P.T.A. is competing in the Kiwanis Bond drive for elementary schools. The drive started last Monday and ends Friday, Oct. 1. The pupil selling the largest amount of bonds will receive a \$25 bond from the Kiwanis group.

BOND DRIVE TODAY AT ORDNANCE CAMP

Members of the 13th Ordnance division contributed to the Third Bond drive this afternoon. Mmes. Francis Hill and Muriel Hannan of the post office staff, who were luncheon guests at the Post, were on hand to write the boys' bonds.

CHEERIO CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

Members of P. E. Cheerio Club will meet tomorrow at the home of Mrs. J. R. Sach, 1016 Ceta ave., for a dessert luncheon. Mrs. A. W. Kitto will preside at a short business meeting and a social hour will follow.

McFadden-Viault Rites are Read

In an impressive ceremony Thursday at Church of Christ the King, John Denman McFadden exchanged wedding vows with Miss Mary Alice Viault of Hollywood.

In the entourage were her sister, Martha Viault, maid of honor; Imogene Cantlay and Mrs. William C. Courtney, bridesmaids; Edward D. McPherson, best man; Richard Grace and Francis Darrow, ushers.

The bride was lovely in a white satin gown with long train and lace yoke and matching lace was used for the coronet which held her veil. Her flowers were white orchids and bouvardia.

The bridegroom, a son of Mrs. Sara McFadden of Canoga Park, made his home here for several years and was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of winter '36 and from Loyola college. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Viault of Las Palmas Blvd., Hollywood. They will make their home in Manhattan Beach.

JOE'S DAUGHTERS DANCE MEETING

Torrance Chapter No. 50, Job's Daughters, will sponsor another of its bi-monthly student dancing parties at Torrance Woman's Clubhouse tomorrow, Friday evening, Oct. 6.

The chapter will hold its regular business meeting and school of instruction at Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, Oct. 5.

GRAY-MANSKER TROTH TOLL

Mrs. Opal Mansker of 1230 Crenshaw Blvd., announces the engagement of her daughter, Norma Van Dyke, to Lonnie S. Gray, pharmacist's mate 1/c, U.S.N. No date has been set for the wedding.

MRS. McWALD IS TROOP LEADER

Brownie Troop No. 3, sponsored by First Christian church, met today at Girl Scout house for their initial meeting of the season. Mrs. Harold McWald, recently appointed troop leader, will outline the year's work.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS TO MEET OCT. 6

Torrance Camp, No. 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold a regular business meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Torrance Men's Bible Class bldg.

Traffic Toll in U. S. Levels off, Reports Disclose

Traffic fatalities in the United States during the first seven months of 1943 are 42 per cent under pre-war 1941 and 31 per cent under last year, figures compiled and forwarded to the Automobile Club of Southern California disclosed this week.

Continuing the trend established in previous months, the nation's traffic toll in July was 1810-45 per cent below July of '41 and 20 per cent below July of 1942.

That America's traffic toll is "leveling off" is shown in the fact that the July figures compare closely with those of June and May where the decline was 50 per cent and 42 per cent, respectively, compared with the 1941 data.

Mileage trends for the first five months of the year, just made available, show that travel has fallen off an estimated 32 per cent from the 1941 peak and is 26 per cent below that of 1942.

Gascoigne Fighting Puncture Vine Menace

One of the duties which fall upon William Gascoigne, street superintendent is to fight noxious weeds. At the present time he is giving attention to one of the most tenacious of all of them—the puncture vine which has been growing prolifically in some sections of the area west of the city out Redondo Beach way.

The vine grows rapidly during the summer months and unless checked in time spreads quickly, it bears a burr, that spells disaster for tires.

Gascoigne has been gathering the weeds up by the truckloads and burning them.

STORKatorials

Following is a list of births reported at the Torrance Memorial hospital this week:

To Mr. and Mrs. John Disario, 1507 Date st., Sept. 27, boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pupko, 2020 1/2 Andree ave., Sept. 25, boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sackman, 2068 21st st., Sept. 25, boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Nool, Lomita, Sept. 25, daughter.

HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. BOARD MEETING HELD

The executive board of the Torrance high school P.T.A. held an important meeting Thursday, Sept. 23. Present were Mrs. Floyd R. Miller, president; Mrs. William Tolson, secretary; Mrs. Mrs. John Garner, Mrs. William Rojo, Mrs. L. F. Watson, Mrs. A. C. Turner and Mrs. Irene Davis. The board appointed Mrs. Fred T. Fischer to fill the vacancy as secretary left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. M. J. Edwards. Mrs. William Rojo will act as membership chairman. The office of first vice-president is still unfilled.

Plans were formulated for the annual membership drive and for the program for the year.

Letters from the Treasury Department were addressed by the board members and mailed out to the entire high school P.T.A. membership.

Mrs. Miller gave a report of the work of the Torrance Youth Commission on which she represents the P.T.A. She asked for suggestions and the support of the P.T.A.

The next executive board meeting will immediately precede the first fall meeting of the P.T.A. on Monday, Oct. 11 at 1 p.m.

RATIONING OF STOVES

If you don't possess a cooking or heating stove, it is possible to have your needs supplied by making application to the local ration board. But it is necessary to show that you either are not the owner of one, or if you do own one, it is no longer usable, the chances are favorable that the application will be granted.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burgener are vacationing this week in northern California where they are guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bodley at Vallejo. They will also visit San Francisco.

REUNION OF FRIENDS

Mrs. May McKinley and Mrs. J. O. Moore were weekend guests of Mmes. Orda V. Peltzke and Ruth Haggard at their Los Angeles homes. Features of the entertainment were an enjoyable dinner and a theater party.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Porter and Mrs. Jeanette Wolstoncraft left this week for their home in Oakland following a visit with Mrs. Ida Horrell, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Stephenson and other relatives here.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Maupin entertained at dinner Thursday for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams of Los Angeles and formerly of Torrance.

LOPERS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Loper entertained at dinner Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Glendale.

WEEKEND GUEST

Miss Dorothy Treloar spent the weekend as the guest of Councilman and Mrs. Harby in Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

SARAH FRY, former Salvation Army leader, Menlo Park— "Brief skirts are in a large measure to blame for the increase in attack cases. The law permits short dresses, but it should specify just how short."

GORDON H. GARLAND, State Motor Vehicle Director— "One way to reduce accidents is for drivers to give pedestrians the brakes more often."

Airfield Chapel Scene of Wedding

Santa Ana Army Air Base chapel was the setting for the wedding Saturday of Miss Elizabeth Fish and Van Ness H. Barnard, U.S.A.A.F. Rev. George E. Moeller, chaplain, officiated in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the couple.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a moss-green suit with contrasting accessories. Her flowers were baby chrysanthemums in white and shades of fuchsia. Miss Jenoyne Barkuld, as bridesmaid, wore a cocoa brown costume suit with matching accessories and carried chrysanthemums in orange and bronze tones.

Following a brief honeymoon, the bridegroom returned to his base. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Barnard of 2553 Sonoma ave. he was graduated from Torrance high school in 1940 and attended Compton junior college and U.C.L.A. His bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Fish of 1408 Engracia ave., was also a Torrance high school graduate. She attended a Long Beach business college and has since been employed as receptionist at the Shell Chemical Corp. For the duration, Mrs. Barnard will make her home with her parents.

State General Fund Shows Net Balance of \$96,564,615 Aug. 31

State Controller Harry B. Riley has announced that the state's general fund cash exceeds over current obligations was \$96,564,615 on Aug. 31, 1943. This is slightly less than the all-time high of \$97,114,618 which was reached on July 31 this year, and is more than double the \$42,288,481 cash-excess one year ago.

Riley pointed out that in June, 1940, the largest cash deficiency in the state's history was reached amounting to \$82,110,350. Thus, the cash condition of the general fund has improved since that time to the tune of \$178,675,174. However, cautioned Riley, the present healthy cash position should not lead us to expect that the same phenomenal increase will continue. On the contrary, large decreases in revenue are anticipated in the present biennium as a result of recent legislation reducing taxes and earmarking a large portion of former general fund revenues for the post-war employment reserve fund.

Poultry in Storage Shows Big Decline

Cold storage poultry holdings recorded Sept. 1 were the smallest for the same date for 21 years, the War Food Administration and the California Department of Agriculture reported today.

Stocks were down 37 per cent from a year ago and 26 per cent below the average figure for the past five years. Total stocks were 54,717,000 pounds for the United States.

GAS APPLICATIONS

Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the local ration board, advises that from 75 to 100 applications are received at the local office for gas supply daily which must be approved by the board. Each member of the board serves without pay.

VACATION ENDS

Mrs. William Hood, the former Marguerite Lincoln and son, Tommy, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lincoln, 1229 Cota ave., left this week for their home in Tucson.

HAVE HOUSEGUEST

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Middleton recently entertained as their houseguests her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Quiring and sons of Bakersfield.

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